



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## COLONEL GRAYSON FOR SECRETARY OF MINING.

### In The Event Such a Department Is Created By The National Government The Miner's Candidate Is The Proper Man.

In view of the fact that there is a probability that the national legislature will create a department of mining separate and distinct from the other departmental divisions of the government, The Miner desires to suggest a suitable man for this prospective position. A citizen of Oregon who has been intimately associated with the mining industry all over the country, for the last forty years and knows every feature connected with it from first to last, a liberal, broad-minded gentleman, no better man can be named for the place than Colonel John Temple Grayson, of Portland. Colonel Grayson has not sought recognition in this way. In fact the matter was suggested to him for the first time during his recent visit here in connection with his mining interests. When approached on the subject by a Miner representative, Colonel Grayson said:

"This is the first time anything of the kind has been intimated to me. It had not occurred to me before, and I desire it to be understood that I am not pushing myself for such a position, however well my friends may think I am fitted for it. Aside from my possible candidacy, however, I feel it my duty in the interest of an industry which is rapidly becoming one of the leading in the country, to urge the importance of creating a national department of mining on an equal footing with the several other departments of our government. It goes without saying that the appointee to this cabinet position should be a man thoroughly in touch with the mining situation, but then,

as far as that is concerned, there is plenty of good timber to draw from.

"It is the purpose of the American Mining Congress, when it meets at Deadwood, South Dakota, September 5, to take this matter up, and prepare the way for introducing a bill in the next congress looking toward this end. The mining interests of this country have grown to such proportions that the conditions demand that the government recognize them by appointing a secretary of mining as a cabinet officer with powers co-extensive with the heads of other departments."

It is urged that there are grave doubts if another man can be found who is more eminently fitted for such a position than Colonel Grayson. His long experience in mining all over the United States, in Mexico and South America, has familiarized him with every phase of the industry. He is one of the incorporators of the American Mining Congress, and a member of its executive board. It was at his suggestion that the name was changed from the International Mining Congress to the present one it bears. He is actively engaged in mining and aside from his other properties, is the general manager of one of the well known properties of the Sumpter district.

In the event that such an office is created, The Miner, as a matter of course, would like to see the plum drop on Oregon soil, but it is aware of the fact that other western states have perhaps equal claims in this respect. It is the man, however, who is being brought forward that commands attention.

### FINAL PAYMENT ON VICTOR.

Company Preparing to Do a Big Lot of Development Work.

The final payment on the Victor group, in the Cracker Creek district, managed by Geiser & Hendryx, was made last Thursday.

A strong force of men is now at

work on the property driving a crosscut which is to tap the Victor lead. The company is making active preparations to do a big lot of work this summer.

### Work At Snow Creek.

Fred Smith, manager of the Snow Creek company, returned yesterday

from the property. The work of reironing and ventilating the mine, he says, is proceeding very satisfactorily. He is preparing for his permanent workings, and will resume development as soon as this is completed.

### THE PULASKI.

Development Work Actively Continuing.

The recent crosscut tunnel on the Pulaski has now proceeded a distance of thirty-five feet, and has entered matter which assays from \$1.20 to \$3.10. It is not expected to reach the ledge proper for some 150 feet yet. These assays so far away from the ledge are very encouraging to the management.

A great many of the citizens of Sumpter, Secretary MacCallum states, are subscribing for stock, and mail enquiries are very gratifying.

### EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT.

#### Gold Bug Company Preparing To Start Up On Large Scale.

As the snow is nearly gone from the mountains and the roads are rapidly becoming passable the Gold Bug management is preparing to begin extensive development work within the next few weeks. When seen yesterday about the matter Mr. Van Fleet, who is now looking after the property, said:

"Owing to the unusually deep snows last winter and the lateness of the spring we have been unable to resume extensive operations as early as we had planned. We do not mean to say that we have been idle, by any means, and if you will take a trip with me to the mine I will show you plenty of evidence that the men who have been at work made every stroke of the pick and drill count for good results. We have opened up one of the prettiest, strongest, and richest ore shoots that one could wish to see. We began the drift tunnel in high grade ore, and the face of it shows the best ore encountered. For over 200 feet there is not a break nor a blank in the ore shoot, and the lowest assay out of over fifty samples taken gave \$30 in gold, per ton, while many of them run up into the thousands per ton. We tried several times to get an average sample of this ore shoot, as far as we have developed it, but out of a 150 pound sample, taken from

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### EXPERT'S OPINION.

#### Mr. Reese Reports On Standard.

### A GREAT PROPERTY.

Examines Mine For Eastern Investors—Samples Which He Took Showed Uniformly High Values in Gold And Silver—Cobalt Not Considered—Well Pleased With District—Will Be The Greatest In Country When Developed—Present Work Now Under Way.

H. A. Reese, a mining man from Cripple Creek, in company with Dr. Ed W. Mueller, general manager of the Standard Consolidated Gold Mines company, J. A. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, Nebraska, secretary of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, visited the Standard this week at the request of eastern capitalists for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the property for them. Mr Reese says:

"I regard this as one of the exceedingly meritorious properties of the district. The veins open up strong, are highly mineralized and the samples which I obtained carry uniformly satisfactory values. The apparent strike of the veins shown, leads to the conclusion that they converge near the apex of the hill on the Standard property. I also examined the crossveins from which I took samples. These where exposed seem fully as strong and as well defined as the other veins. I regard the Jumper vein which has been but slightly opened up near the surface as one of the strong ledges of the group, and will, in my opinion, prove equal to the others.

"In my estimate as to the desirability of Standard stock as an investment, I have entirely ignored the cobalt values, and based my conclusion on the gold and silver values alone. I have no hesitancy in saying that the showing in these metals justify my reporting favorably on the proposition. There is apparently a large deposit of cobalt running through the Standard vein, but I regard this as purely incidental and have not taken it into consideration in determining an estimate on the property.

"In the Ruby vein, although not extensively developed, heavy copper values are shown. Development is being wisely directed, and the

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